

CITY CAN AFFORD TO SELL GAS AT 85 CENTS

Figures Showing Cost of Manufacture Based on Record of Last Year.

Knowles's Estimate of Cost of Gas in 1907

	Cents.
Cost of gas per 1,000 cubic feet at burner	.4155
Cost of gas per 1,000 cubic feet at burner, including extension, .5917	
Cost of gas per 1,000 cubic feet at burner, including interest and extension, .6859	
Cost of gas per 1,000 cubic feet at burner, including interest and extension, .7710	
Lanterns, street lamps and public buildings	

Admitting that there is a difference between his figures and the statement of Superintendent Knowles as to the cost of manufacturing gas, City Accountant Crenshaw said yesterday that he believed it could be sold to consumers at the rate of 85 cents per one thousand cubic feet. He did not believe, however, that there was any demand for reduction, and he presented practical argument in support of that contention. Without including depreciation or interest, Mr. Crenshaw is of the opinion that the cost at the burner would be about 62 1/2 cents. Mr. Knowles figures the cost at 77.1. Counting depreciation, interest, and portion of expense in the annexed territory, Mr. Crenshaw's calculations come up to 85 cents.

Should Include All Expense.

"The statement which I have prepared," said the City Accountant, "does not include any charge for taxes, rental or office in the City Hall, or any portion of cost of the Auditor's, Treasurer's or City Attorney's offices. A portion of the expense of these offices should be—but never has been—figured in the cost of manufacturing gas in this city, so far as I know."

This expense is figured as follows: Auditor, \$600; Treasurer, \$600; City Attorney, \$1,000; rent, \$1,260. If the property were operated by individuals they would necessarily have to pay rent, employ lawyers, and others. Moreover, they would pay taxes.

City Accountant's Statement.

Mr. Crenshaw's figures for the cost of manufacturing last year follow:

Total receipts from sale of gas, net, including penalty,	\$35,127.61
Estimated consumption for street lights and charities,	29,667.59
Total number of cubic feet accounted for,	385,455.180

Expenditures—

Rent, \$1,000;

Gasoline, 10,000 cu. ft., \$1,260;

Expense, 11,861.65;

Extension, 25,479.42;

Total cost at burner,

per "M" cu. ft., 59.05;

Add. cost of street lighting, 6.122.13;

Cost of "M" including street lighting, 61.99;

Annual replacement charge or depreciation on machinery, \$1,400.00;

To December 31, 1907.

Cost of machinery, \$100,000 at 5 3/4 c. \$ 11,529.00;

Pipes, pipes, mains, etc., \$119,762.03 at 12 p. c. 17,960.53;

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Cost, including rent, Auditor's, Treasurer's and City Attorney's expenses, 63.59;

Interest on cost as above, at 4 p. c. per year, 59.628.05;

Cost, including depreciation and interest, per "M" cu. ft., 82.76;

The total number of cubic feet accounted for last year was 355,425,150.

Sold at 85 cents per thousand feet would make a profit of \$26,619,877.50;

Received over \$35,127.61, not counting penalties. The penalties in 1907 were \$2,047.57. This, however, is not a legitimate part of the receipts, being the burden imposed upon consumers for tardy payment.

Effect on Taxation.

In the city there are 10,943 meters, which supply about 60,000 persons out of a population of 112,000 or more. This means, of course, that all citizens are not patrons of the gas plant. Mr. Crenshaw's idea is that if the rate should be reduced to that point where the plant would have to be supported by taxation, then a concession granted to the consumers of gas.

Sub-Chairman Pollard, of the Finance Committee, does not believe that the city is making any profit to-day when the product is being sold at \$1. Other members of Council are of the same opinion, but some reduction will be made if the recommendation of the Committee on Light is not delayed by the Finance Committee until after the adoption of the budget.

Japanese Jinrikisha Exports Increasing.

Consul-General Henry B. Miller, of Yokohama, writes that Japan is steadily increasing its exports of jinrikishas. The shipments were 10,097 vehicles, valued at \$148,885. The Straits Settlements took 37,268 worth, China \$29,164, and British India \$16,416. During the first ten months of last year, Japan exported 10,657 jinrikishas, valued at \$155,761.

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world, will be in the city at that time, and are expected to address the mass meeting. The Rev. Thomas Semmes, of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, who has had notable success in enlisting men in Bible study and Christian service, will also take part in this meeting and will speak on "Definite Organization and Duties for Men."

Institute Program.

The work of the institute will be progressive. All sessions will be open to the public. The full program is as follows:

Sunday Afternoon, February 16th, 2 P.M.—"Our Responsibility and Our Obedient Christian Effort"; "The World Visitor for Men"; J. Campbell White, New York, secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement; "Results of Church and Community Work"; Dr. Elbert of Men; W. T. Ellis, Philadelphia, correspondent and lecturer; "Definite Organization and Duties for Men"; Rev. Thomas Semmes, Richmond, Va.; rector St. Andrew's Church, the service will be held in and the meeting of the Grace Street Baptist Church. An overflow meeting will be arranged for in the lecture room of the church.

Monday, February 17th.—Day services in lecture room; night services in main auditorium.

Tuesday, February 18th.—10:30 A.M.—"Some Plain Points on the Why and How of Bible Study"; Dr. White; 11:30 A.M., "The Use of Pictures for Teachers and Pupils"; Mrs. Barnes; 4 P.M., "Early Childhood, the Kindergarten Period"; Professor St. John; 8 P.M., "devotional service"; 8:15 P.M., "Early Childhood, the Primary Period"; Professor St. John.

Wednesday, February 19th.—10:30 A.M.—"Devotional service"; 11:30 A.M., "Obedient Obedition"; Dr. John Ridder, of St. Andrew's Church; 11:30 A.M., "Plans for Teaching Supplemental Les-

sions"; Senior A Grade—Evelyn Carpenter and Senior A Grade—Marion Moffat.

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Junior A Grade—Ellis Gayle, Keith Ribble, Frank Taylor and May Casdow.

Fourth B Grade—Elhet Fritch and Viola James.

Seventh A Grade—Mary Broadbald, Frank Harris and Martha Herndon.

Second A Grade—Gladys Lawrence, Casselman and Carrie King.

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Intermediate B Grade—Tanya Gordon, Graham Lancaster, Linwood McCurdy, John Reid, August Steele, Thelma Currie, Elizabeth Christian, Anna Jones, Eva Lauterback and Alice Phillips.

Fourth A Grade—Thomas Armstrong, Earl Eaton, Archie Leach, Ashley Peasey, Margaret Little, Tillie Dawson, Eddie Wright.

Intermediate B Grade—Alice Crutchfield, Marion Scott, Rufus Griffin, Pearl Harding, Edna Yost and Irene Yost.

Intermediate B Grade—David Hobbs, Helen Carrington, Carol Polkman and Alden Gaylord.

Second B Grade—Alice Phillips, John Stringer, Eddie Wright.

Fourth A Grade—Alice Crutchfield, Marion Scott, Rufus Griffin, Pearl Harding, Edna Yost and Irene Yost.

Intermediate B Grade—Ruth Taylor, Ruffina Irma Votan, Louise Yarber, Eddie Flood.

First B Grade—James McCormick, Dwight Carpenter, Bob Meek, John Flor, Lewis Watkins, Eddie Weidenfeld and Mildred Lee.

First A Grade—Brammer Cridlin, Lee Fletcher, Walter Ship, Josephine Patterson, Margaret Lahee, Rheta Hutzler, Willi Combs and Tom Cridlin.

Second A Grade—Marion Clegg, Lee Fletcher, Walter Ship, Josephine Patterson, Margaret Lahee, Rheta Hutzler, Willi Combs and Tom Cridlin.

Senior A Grade—Evelyn Carpenter and Senior A Grade—Marion Moffat.

Intermediate A Grade—Helen Duell, Josephine Hutzler, Ruth Taylor, Frances White, Eddie Whitelock.

Junior B Grade—Edith Anderson, Norma Watson and Anna Phillips.

Seventh A Grade—Joe Cross.

Fourth A Grade—Nettie Perrott, Darle Prather and Jack Schwalm.

Sixth B Grade—Elizabeth Armstrong, Edith Richardson, Walter Gordon and Charles Prather.

Intermediate B Grade—Ada Fairchild, Clara Wilson and Anna Phillips.

Fourth B Grade—Grace O'Neill, Emily Tiller.

Fifth A Grade—Edwin Roden, Helen Dueil, Josephine Hutzler, Ruth Taylor, Frances White, Eddie Whitelock.

Fourth B Grade—Suzie Warren, Lillie Mae Kelly, Bettie Shainau, Mary Duell.

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